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The Play of *Pericles* Prince of Tyre, &c.

Enter Gower.

TO sing a Song that old was sung,
From ashes, auncient *Gower* is come,
Assuming mans infirmities,
To glad your eare, and please your eyes:
It hath beene sung at Festiuals,
On Ember eues, and Holydayes:
And Lords and Ladyes in their liues,
Haue read it for restoratiues:
The purchase is to make men glorious.
Et bonum quo Antiquius eo melius:
If you, borne in these latter times,
When wits more ripe, accept my Rimes;
And that to heare an old man sing,
May to your wishes pleasure bring:
I life would wish, and that I might
Waste it for you like Taper-light.
This *Antioch*, then, *Antiochus* the great,
Built vp this City for his chiefest seate;
The fairest in all *Syria*.
I tell you what mine Authors say:
This King vnto him tooke a Peere,
Who dyed, and left a female heyre,
So buxsome, blith, and full of face,
As heauen had lent her all his grace:
With whom the Father liking tooke,
And her to incest did prouoke:
Bad child, worse father, to entice his owne

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